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To Whom It May Concern

Between June 2010 and February 2011, Ebony Walden will spend a total of six months volunteering with International Volunteer HQ (IVHQ) in various orphanage, teaching English and women empowerment programs in Thailand, Costa Rica, Peru - Cusco, Kenya and India . IVHQ is a New Zealand based NGO that provides safe, affordable volunteering opportunities abroad. Teaching English to low-income communities in these countries is a rewarding project. Children, teenagers and young adults are very excited to practice their pronunciation and conversation skills with native speakers. English is essential for all people looking to make a career in these countries and get above the poverty line. Volunteers will work in local schools, orphanages and community centers. Work varies but generally consists of providing tutoring to local students, setting up small workshops, assisting local teachers and organizing educational games and activities.

In order to participate on this program, Ebony has to pay fees of US\$3810, which will cover her accommodation, meals, orientation, program placement, volunteer support services, placement supervision and administration costs of the program in each country. Furthermore, Ebony will have extra costs such airfares to the countries, in country travel and vaccinations. Finally, many volunteers also find their impact is even more profound if they take some fundraised/donated money to invest in projects being undertaken by the local NGOs and communities with whom they are working. I have no doubt that from Ebony's qualifications and skills she will make an excellent volunteer. Any assistance that you can provide her with will be really appreciated. If you wish to discuss this matter further or have any questions I am more than happy to help.

Regards

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